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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the January 10, 2005, written restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect Group I (i.e. claims 1-16) with traverse. Applicants submit that the claims of the present application are closely related and, therefore, require common areas of search and consideration. Since no benefit is derived from imposing this restriction requirement, it should be withdrawn in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

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